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Madrid, October 30. *N. S.*

THE Marquis de Brancos, Ambaſſador of France, arrived here two Days ago, and Monſieur Bonac, his Predeceſſor, is preparing to return home. It is ſaid, the Squadron that has been lately fitted out at Cadiz, is deſigned againſt the Iſland of Majorca, from whence the Inhabitants of Barcelona have hitherto received a conſtant Supply of Proviſions. Letters from the Duke de Popoli's Camp bring an Account, that on the 17th his Men began to work on the Lines of Contravallation, in order to prevent the Incurſions of the Miquelets. On the 19th, Five thouſand of the Garriſon of Barcelona made a Sally on the ſide of Montjoue, with a deſign to Surprize the Spaniſh Quarters. The Ground thereabouts being Marſhy, and full of Ditches, the Horſe were uſeleſs, but an Hundred Foot, which were poſted there, made ſo long a Defence, that a Brigade of Guards, with ſome Squadrons, diſmounted, had time to come to their Aſſiſtance, whereupon the Catalans thought proper to retire into the Town. In this Action two Officers and nine Soldiers, on the King's Side, were killed; Don Franciſco d'Eboli, Colonel of the Regiment of Milan, and ſeveral others, were wounded.

Berlin, November 7. *N. S.* Some Days ago the King went to Potſdam, from whence he intends to ſet out for Orangebourg, to review the Troops that are quarter'd near that Place. His Majeſty being reſolved to re-eſtabliſh the Duke of Holſtein in the Poſſeſſion of his Dominions, has order'd all his Forces hereabouts to be in a readineſs to march towards Lenzen on the Elbe, where they are to aſſemble to the number of Five thouſand Horſe, and Sixteen thouſand Foot, with a Train of Artillery conſiſting of Twenty Pieces of Cannon and Four Mortars. Notwithſtanding theſe Preparations are made for War, it is hoped the King of Denmark will agree to ſome reaſonable Terms of Accommodation, before Matters are carried to an Extremity. Letters from Hamburgh bring an Account, that the Mortality there is conſiderably abated, but we are inform'd, three Villages in the Oldmark are infected, upon which the King has publiſh'd a Regulation, and cauſed it to be read in all the Churches, forbidding the Concealment of any infected Perſon, and preſcribing the Methods to be obſerved for preventing the Contagion from ſpreading.

Hamburgh, November 10. *N. S.* The Contagious Diſtemper continues to abate every Day, and the Number of thoſe that died laſt Week, as well without as within the City, amounts to no more than Three hundred eighty three. We have receiv'd advice, that the King of Pruſſia has ordered twelve Regiments of Foot, four of Horſe, and three of Dragoons to be in a readineſs to march towards Lenzen, in order to force the King of Denmark to the reſtitution of Holſtein. But before his Majeſty proceeds to any Extremity, he has reſolved to try whether he can accommodate Matters amicably, to which end he has writ a Letter to the King of Denmark, ſetting forth, in the mildeſt Terms, the ſtrict Alliance he has entered into with the Houſe of Gottorp, and the Deſire he has to ſee the Duke reſtor'd to his Dominions. He has likewiſe told the Miniſters of the Czar and King Auguſtus, that he is very unwilling to engage in a War, and ſhould be glad they could find out ſome Expedient to prevent it. Whereupon theſe Miniſters have met ſeveral times upon this Subject, and the Daniſh Envoy was invited to their Meetings, but he excus'd himſelf, ſaying, His Orders were poſitive not to enter into any Conference, but to ſtick to the Declaration the King, his Maſter, had made to Baron Goertz. Letters from Copenhagen bring an account, that the King of Denmark is likewiſe making great Preparations to maintain himſelf in the Poſſeſſion of Holſtein, in order to which he has ſent directions to his Forces in Zeland, Jutland, and Funen, to be in a readineſs to march upon the firſt notice. It is thought he will alſo raiſe the Blockade of Tonningen, and withdraw his Troops that are poſted near this City, in order to ſtrengthen his Army, which it is ſaid he will command in Perſon. They write from Warſaw, that on the 27th paſt, the Turkiſh and Tartarian Miniſters had their Audience of Leave, and were preparing to return home.

Bruſſels, November 13. *N. S.* The King of Pruſſia is very preſſing for Payment of the Sum of Eighty four thouſand Crowns, aſſign'd on this Province towards ſatisfying the Subſidies due from King Charles the IId of Spain, to the Brandenburg Troops that ſerv'd in this Country during the War, which preceded the Treaty of Ryſwick. The States of Brabant are now aſſembled, to deliberate what Meaſures are proper to be taken upon theſe Preterſions of his Pruſſian Majeſty, and the Regency here have under Conſideration, the Means of ſtopping the Military Execution made in Hainault, on account of a like Demand upon that Province. We have received advice from Paris, that an Expreſs from Mareſchal Villars was arrived there with an account, that on the 1ſt Inſtant the Governor of Fribourg retired into the Caſtle with as many of the Garriſon as were in a condition of Service, leaving in the Town Two thouſand Sick and Wounded to the Beſiegers Mercy. But Mareſchal Villars declared they ſhould be expoſed on the Glacis, if they were not received into the Caſtle: Upon which, the Governor deſired Leave to ſend an Officer to Prince Eugene for Inſtructions relating to a Capitulation. This Propoſal was agreed to, and a Suſpenſion of Arms was granted for five Days, to receive the Prince's Anſwer.

Hague, November 14. *N. S.* The States General have lately publiſhed an Edict, forbidding all Commerce with the Places on the Elbe, in the ſame manner as they have done with Hamburg. On the 12th, Monſieur Vandenburg, Deputy of their High Mightineſſes at Bruſſels, came hither from Leyden, and having aſſiſted at the Aſſembly of the States General, he returned to the ſame Place, where he ſtands Candidate for the Office of Burgomaſter. Yeſterday Morning ſeveral Miniſters of the Empire met at the Houſe of Baron Heems, the Emperor's Envoy, and went afterwards to the Chamber of Treves to confer with the Deputies of the States

General: